

WE CLAIM:

1. A personal care garment comprising:
a front waist region, a back waist region, and a crotch region extending between the waist regions;
a first side panel extending from the front waist region;
a second side panel extending from the back waist region;
a side seam connecting an edge portion of the first side panel to an edge portion of the second side panel; and
a ribbon cover connected to the garment, the ribbon cover covering at least a portion of the side seam.
2. The personal care garment of Claim 1 wherein the side seam has a width of less than about 30 mm.
3. The personal care garment of Claim 1 wherein the side seam has a width of about 2 mm to about 10 mm.
4. The personal care garment of Claim 1 wherein the side seam has a width of about 3 mm to about 5 mm.

5. The personal care garment of Claim 1 wherein the ribbon cover has a width of about 5 mm to about 50 mm.

6. The personal care garment of Claim 1 wherein the ribbon cover has a width of about 7 mm to about 15 mm.

7. The personal care garment of Claim 1 wherein the ribbon cover extends beyond a side edge of the side seam at least about 2 mm.

8. The personal care garment of Claim 1 wherein the ribbon cover extends beyond a side edge of the side seam about 0 mm to about 15 mm.

9. The personal care garment of Claim 1 wherein the side seam comprises a standing butt seam.

10. The personal care garment of Claim 1 wherein the side seam comprises a lap side seam.

11. The personal care garment of Claim 1 wherein the side seam comprises an offset butt side seam.

12. The personal care garment of Claim 1 wherein an inner surface of the edge portion of the first side panel is bonded to an inner surface of the edge portion of the second side panel.

13. The absorbent garment of Claim 1 wherein the ribbon cover is bonded ultrasonically.

14. The absorbent garment of Claim 1 wherein the ribbon cover is tearable.

15. A disposable garment, comprising:

a chassis comprising a front side panel and a back side panel, and defining a waist opening and first and second leg openings;

a first side seam extending from the waist opening to the first leg opening between the front side panel and the back side panel;

a first ribbon cover bonded to a surface of the garment and extending from the waist opening to the first leg opening, the first ribbon cover covering at least a portion of the first side seam;

a second side seam extending from the waist opening to the second leg opening between the front side panel and the back side panel; and

a second ribbon cover bonded to a surface of the garment and extending from the waist opening to the second leg opening, the second ribbon cover covering at least a portion of the second side seam.

16. The disposable garment of Claim 15 wherein the front side panel and the back side panel each comprises an elastic material.

17. The disposable garment of Claim 15 wherein the first ribbon cover and the second ribbon cover each comprises an elastic material.

18. The personal care garment of Claim 15 wherein a width of the first ribbon cover is greater than a width of the first side seam and a width of the second ribbon cover is greater than a width of the second side seam.

19. A garment comprising:

a front waist region, a back waist region, and a crotch region extending between the waist regions,

a first side panel extending from the front waist region;

a second side panel extending from the back waist region;

a side seam connecting an edge portion of the first side panel to an edge portion of the second side panel; and

an embossing pattern applied to the side seam, the embossing pattern covering at least a portion of the side seam.

20. The absorbent garment of Claim 19 wherein the embossing pattern has a width of about 4 mm to about 40 mm.

21. The garment of Claim 19 wherein the embossing pattern has a width of about 7 mm to about 15 mm.

22. The garment of Claim 19 wherein the embossing pattern extends beyond a side edge of the side seam at least about 2 mm.

23. The garment of Claim 19 wherein the embossing pattern extends beyond a side edge of the side seam about 0 mm to about 15 mm.

24. The garment of Claim 19 wherein the embossing pattern comprises a plurality of embossing dimples.

25. The garment of Claim 24 wherein each embossing dimple penetrates all layers of the side seam.

26. The absorbent garment of Claim 24 wherein each embossing dimple penetrates less than all layers of the side seam.

27. The absorbent garment of Claim 24 wherein each embossing dimple penetrates only an outer layer of the side seam, the penetration being less than a full thickness of the outer layer.

28. A method for providing an aesthetically pleasing seam for a personal care garment, the method comprising:

making a seaming bond to weld a front side panel and a back side panel together; and

embossing a pattern atop the seaming bond, said pattern being aesthetically distinct from the seaming bond.

29. The method of Claim 28 wherein said seaming bond defines a standing butt seam.

30. The method of Claim 28 wherein said seaming bond defines a lap side seam.

31. The method of Claim 28 wherein said seaming bond defines an offset butt side seam.

32. The method of Claim 28 wherein the pattern comprises a plurality of embossing dimples.

33. The method of Claim 32 wherein each embossing dimple penetrates less than all layers of the seaming bond.

34. The method of Claim 32 wherein each embossing dimple penetrates only an outer layer of the side seam, the penetration being less than a full thickness of the outer layer.

35. A method for providing an aesthetically pleasing seam for a personal care garment, the method comprising:

making a seaming bond to weld a front side panel and a back side panel together; and

bonding a ribbon cover to the garment, the ribbon cover covering at least a portion of the seaming bond.

36. The method of Claim 35 wherein said seaming bond defines a standing butt seam.

37. The method of Claim 35 wherein said seaming bond defines a lap side seam.